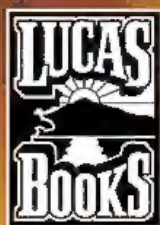




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FETT! I
ASSUME YOU HAVE
DEALT WITH THE
TRAITOR ABAL
KARDA!

YOU HAVE
SOMETHING THAT
IS MINE! BRING IT
AND RECEIVE YOUR
REWARD!

BOBA FETT?

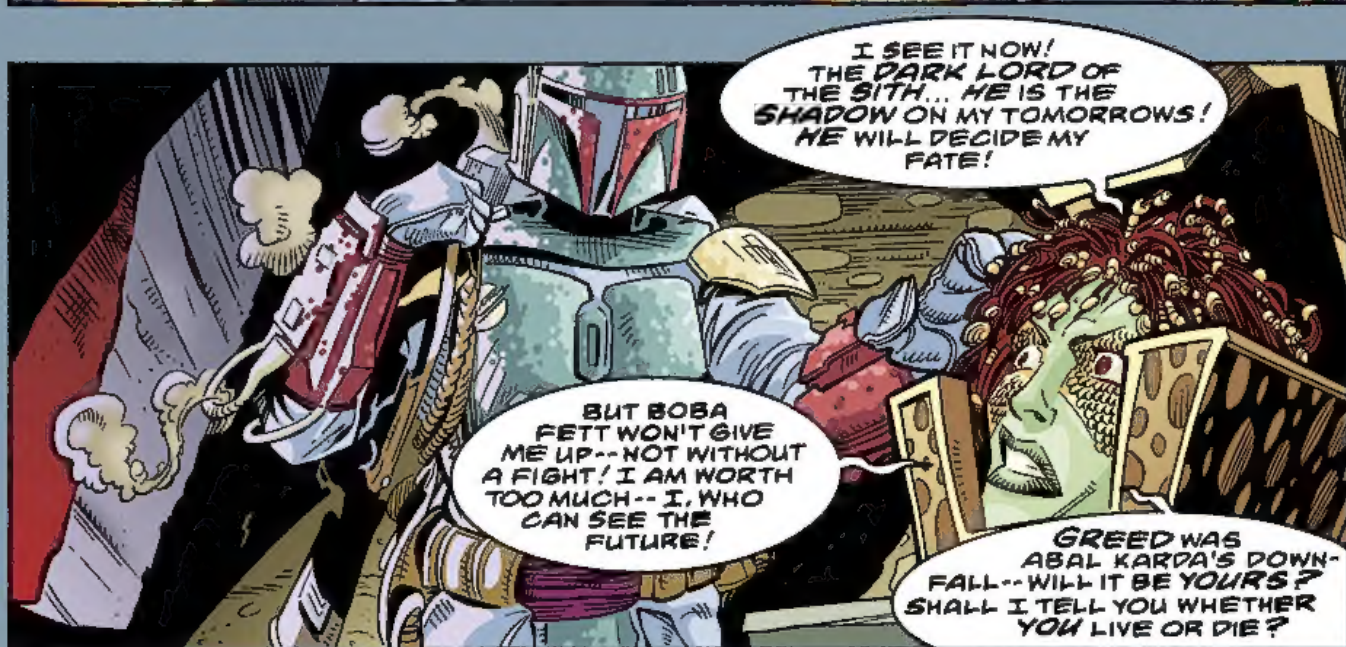
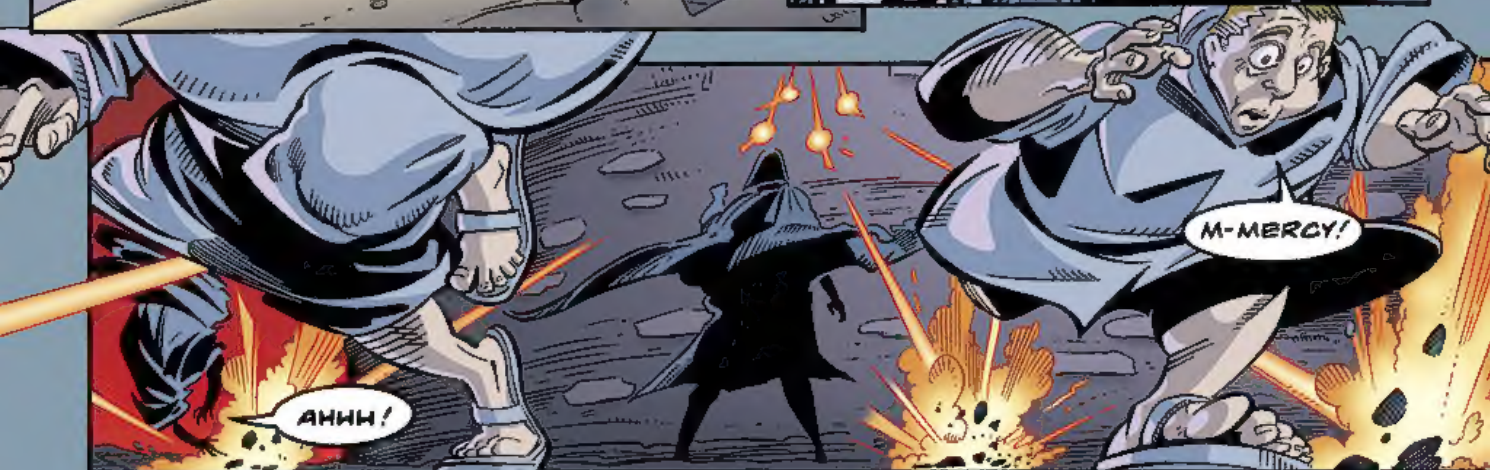
TH-TH-THERE!

DARTH VADER
AND BOBA FETT!
THE PORTENTS WERE
TRUE -- WE ARE
SURELY
DOOMED!

OH, WOE!



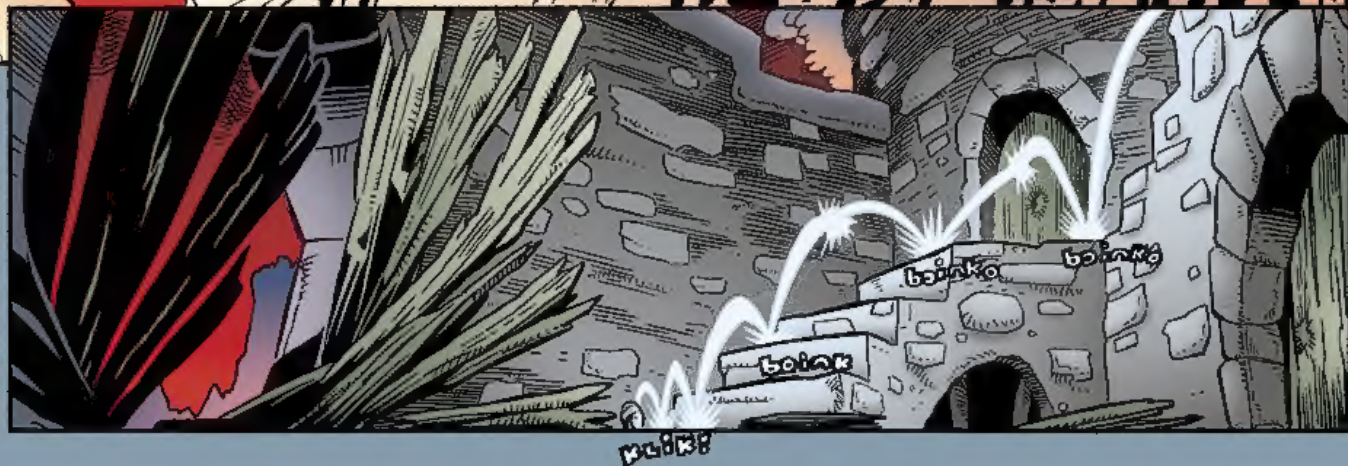
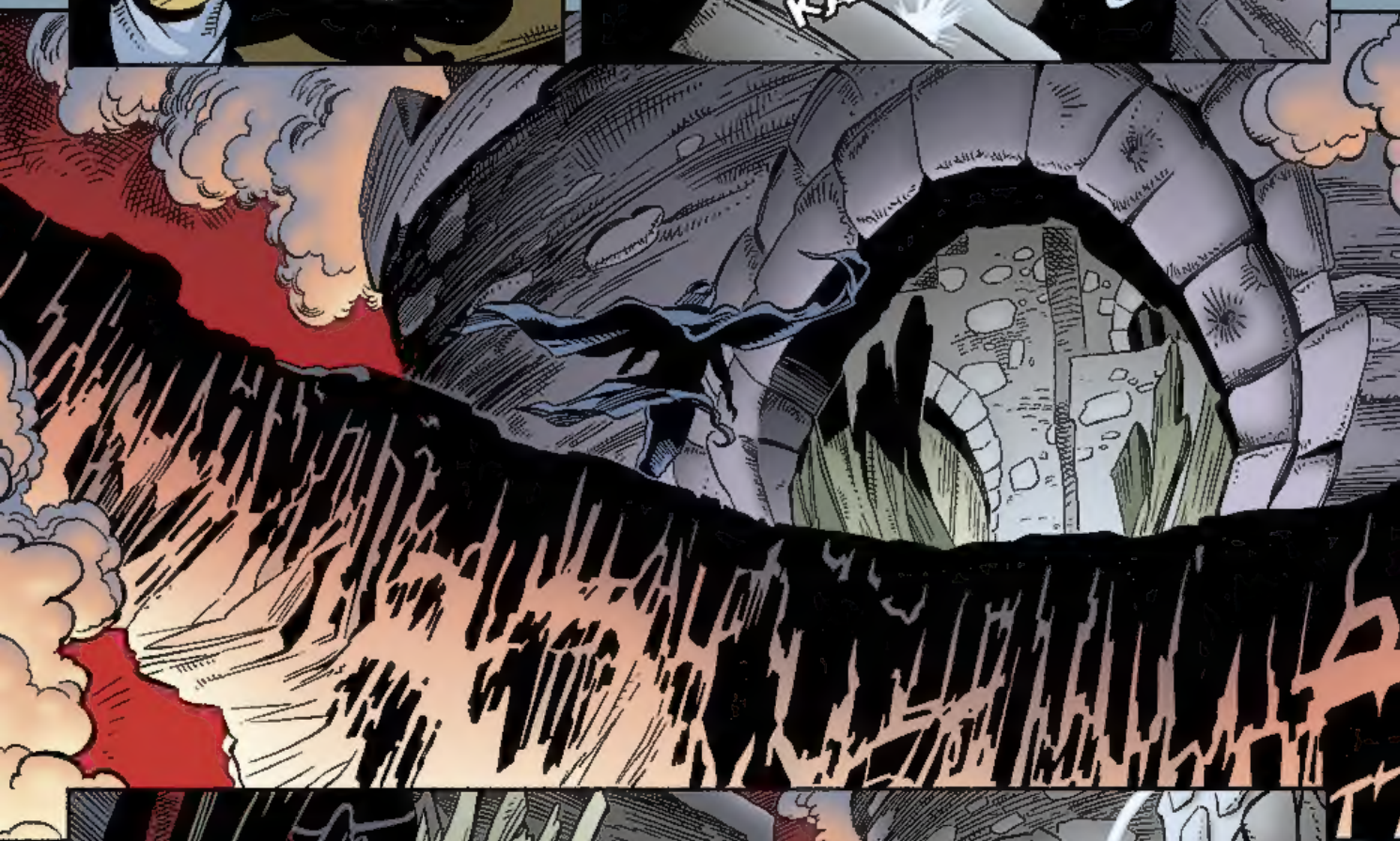
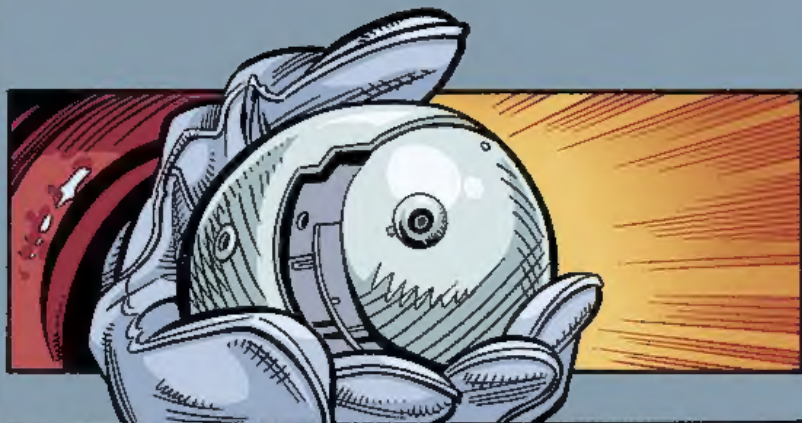
HIS REWARD, HE KNOWS, WILL BE DEATH--

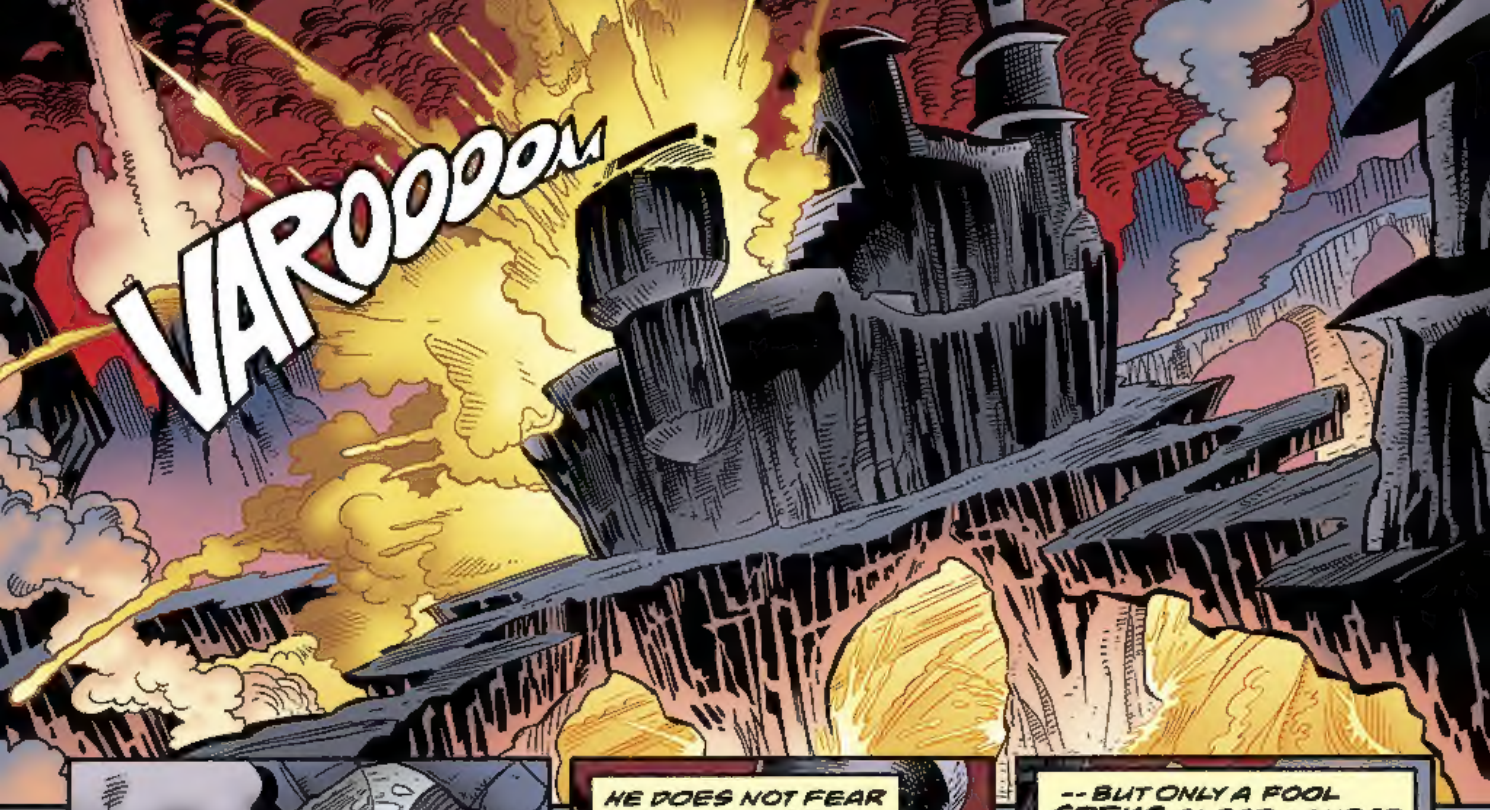


I SEE IT NOW!
THE DARK LORD OF
THE SITH... HE IS THE
SHADOW ON MY TOMORROWS!
HE WILL DECIDE MY
FATE!

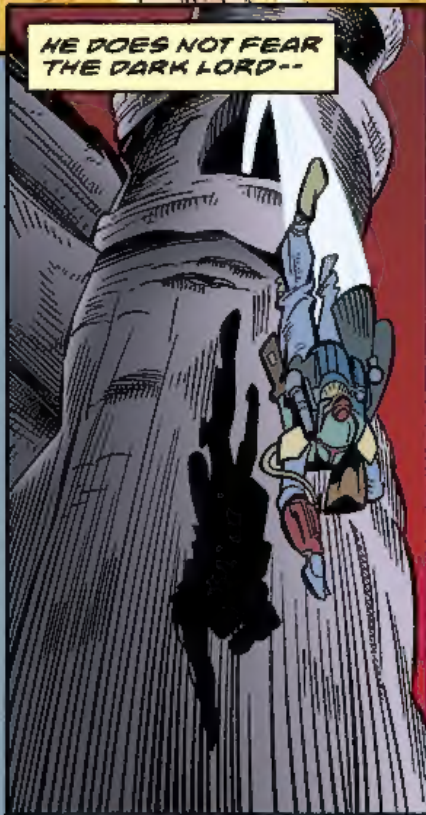
BUT BOBA
FETT WON'T GIVE
ME UP--NOT WITHOUT
A FIGHT! I AM WORTH
TOO MUCH-- I, WHO
CAN SEE THE
FUTURE!

GREED WAS
ABAL KARDA'S DOWN-
FALL--WILL IT BE YOURS?
SHALL I TELL YOU WHETHER
YOU LIVE OR DIE?





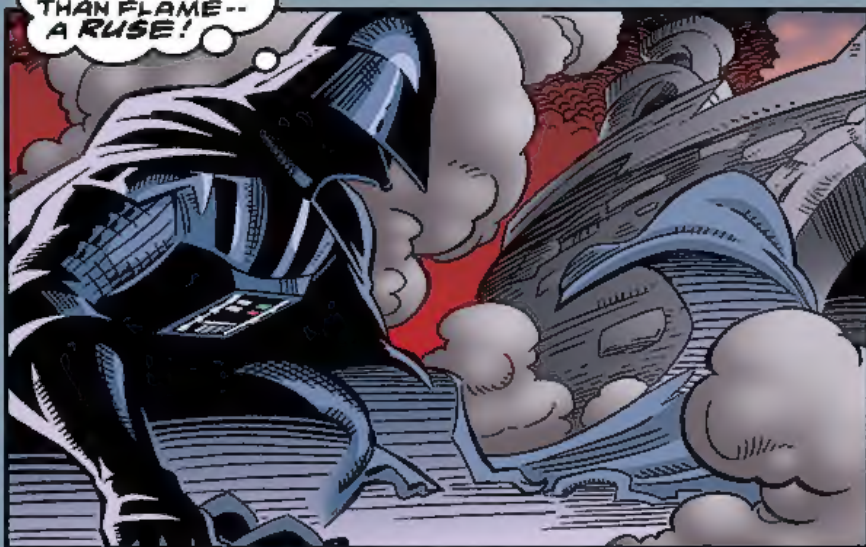
HE DOES NOT FEAR
THE DARK LORD--

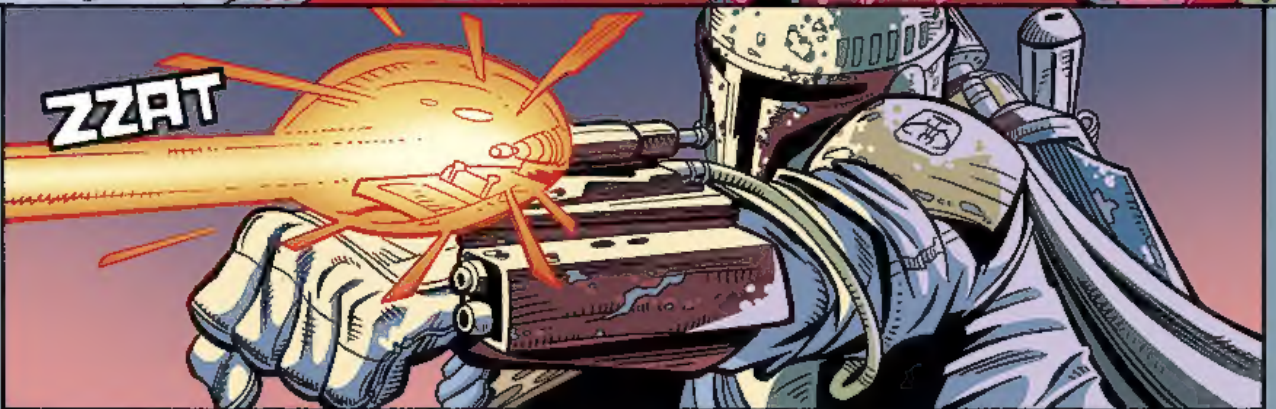
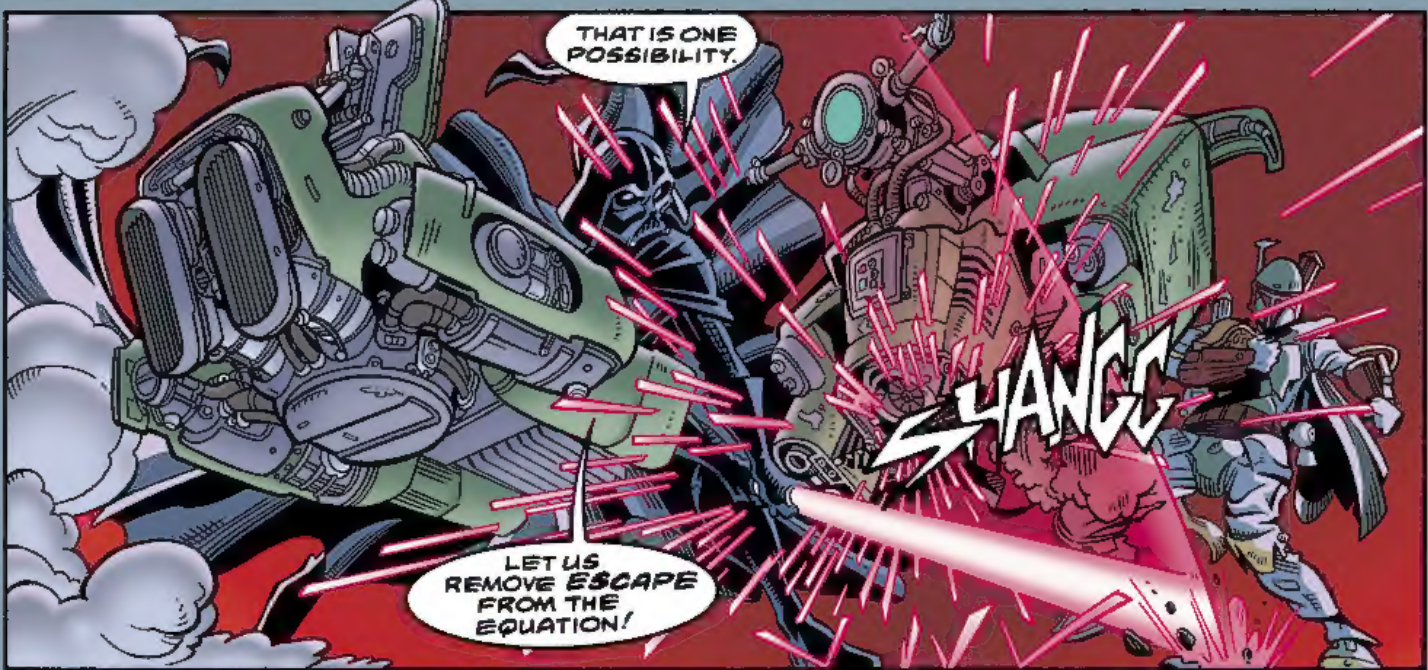
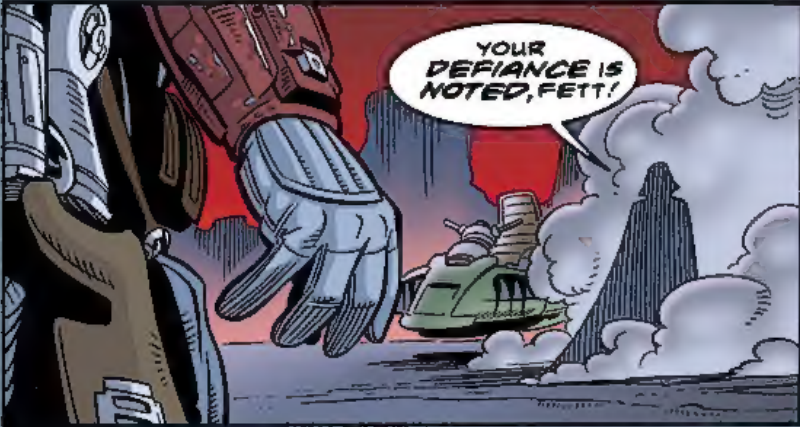
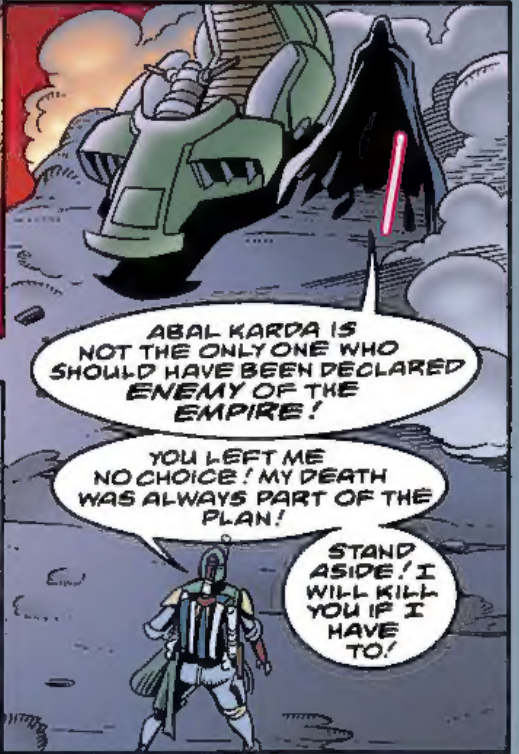
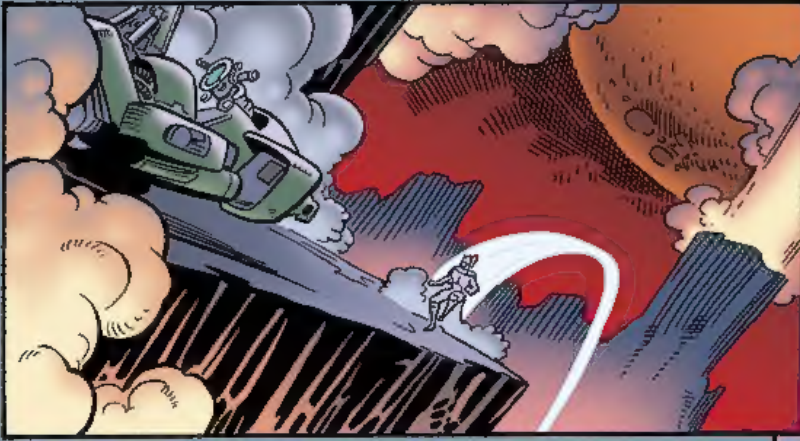


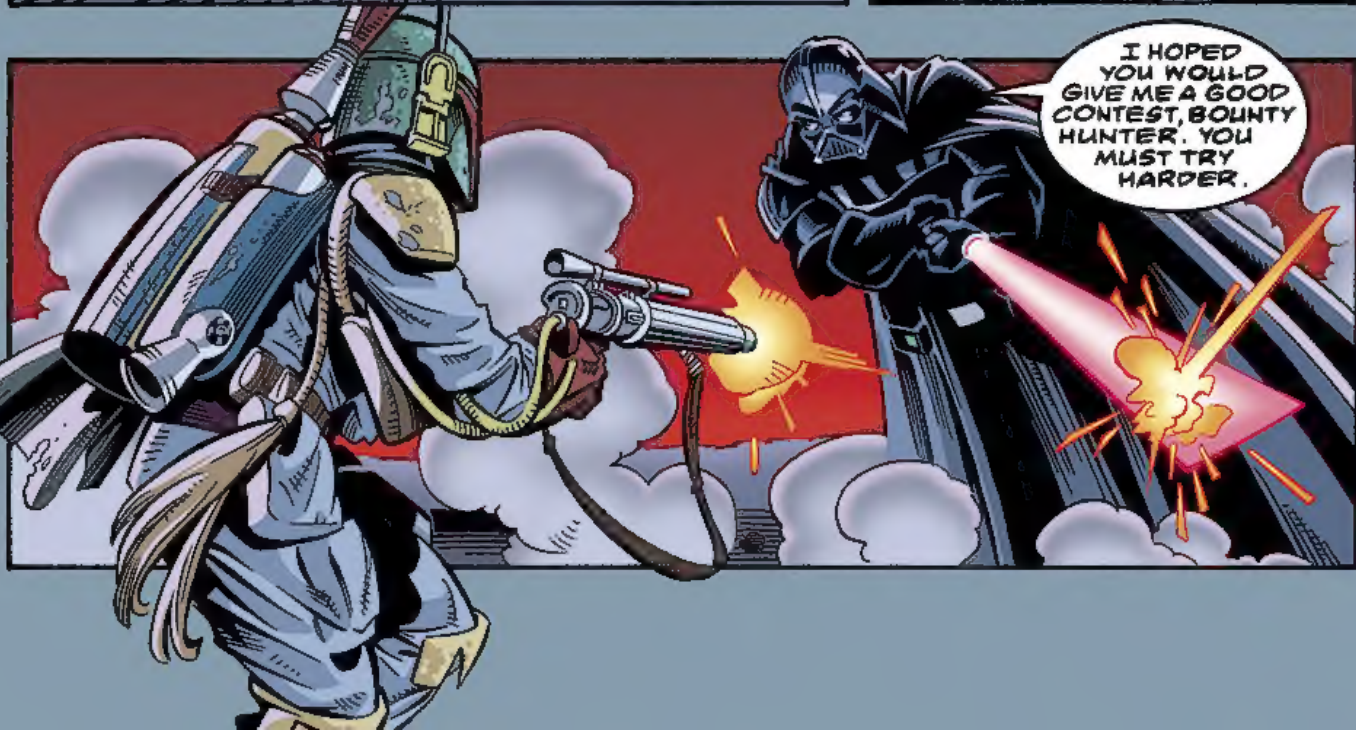
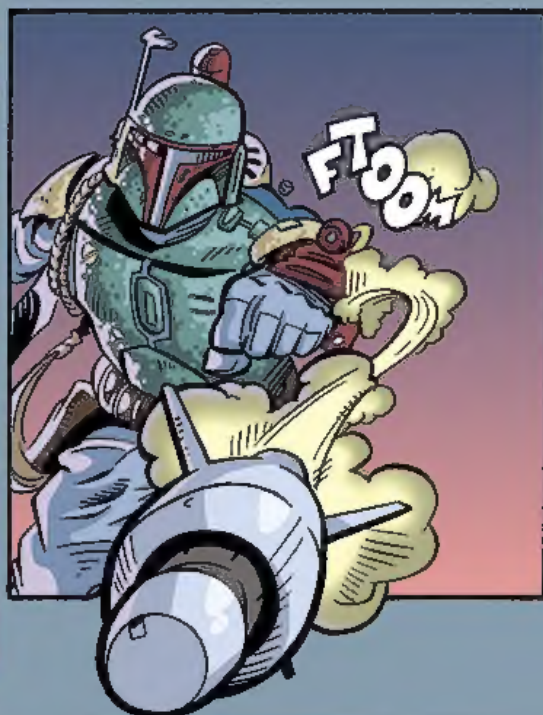
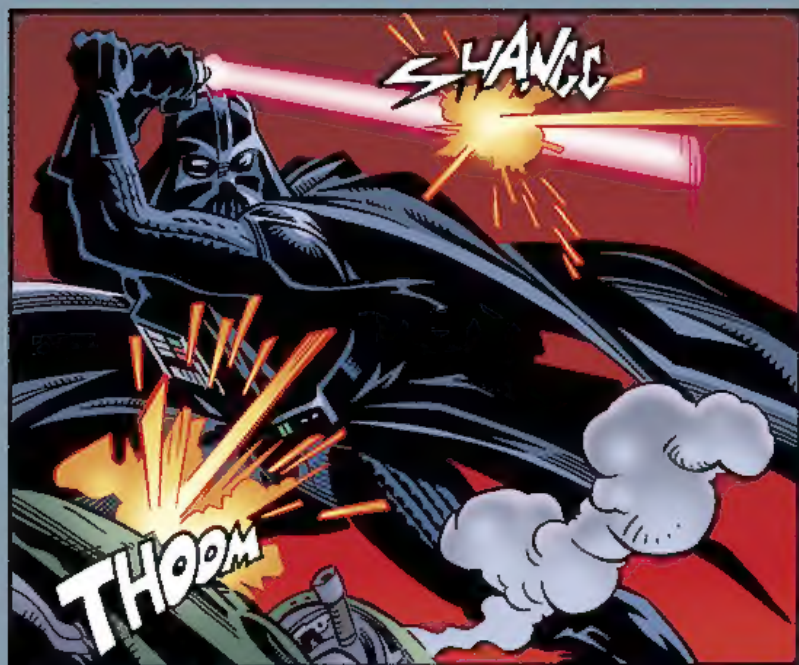
-- BUT ONLY A FOOL
SEEKS CLOSE COMBAT
WITH DARTH VADER.

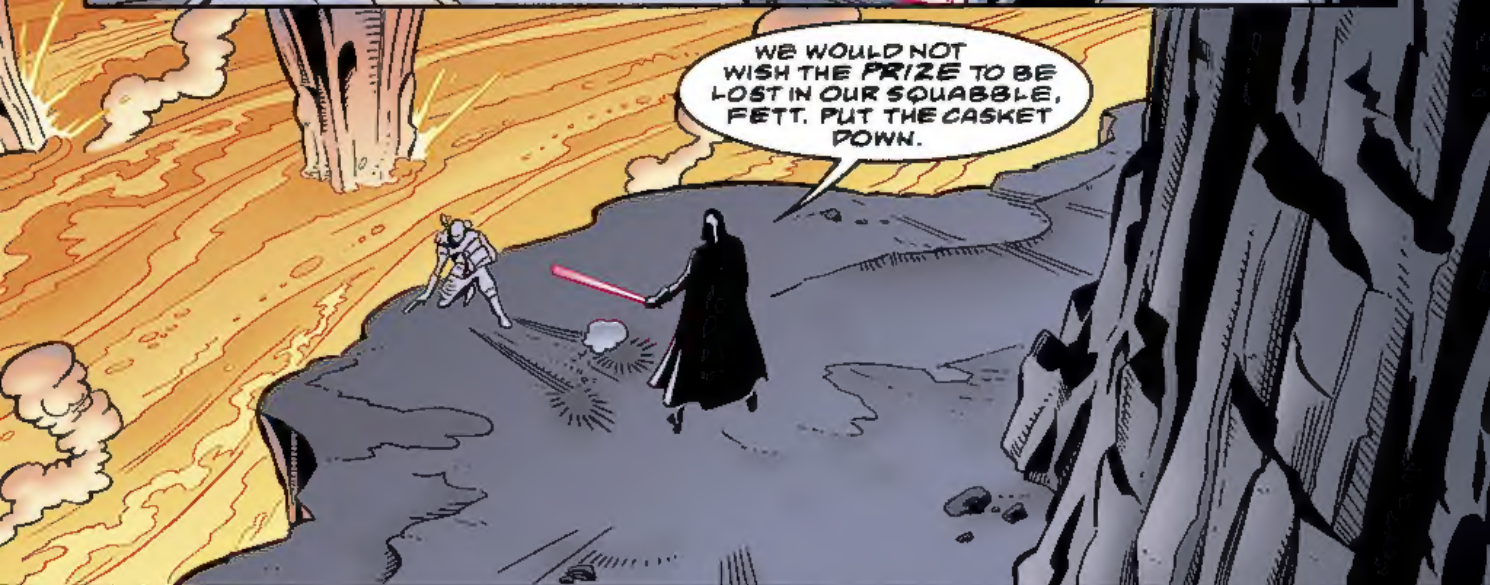
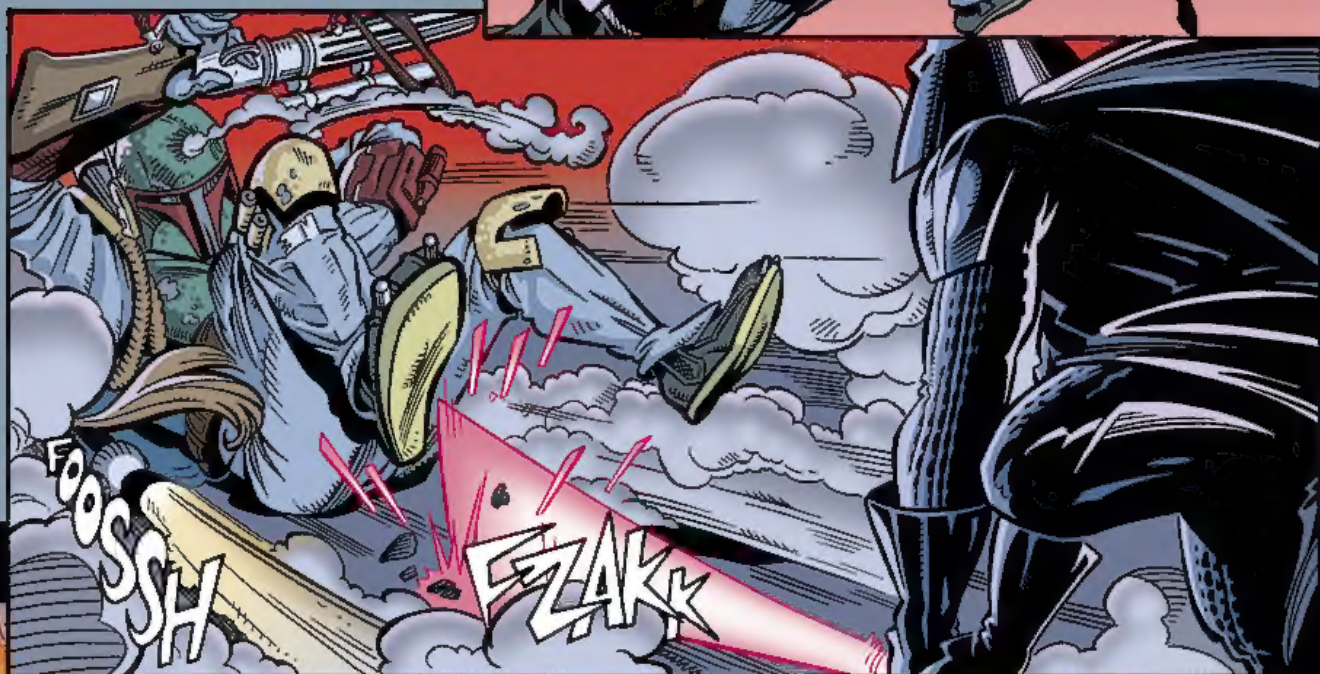
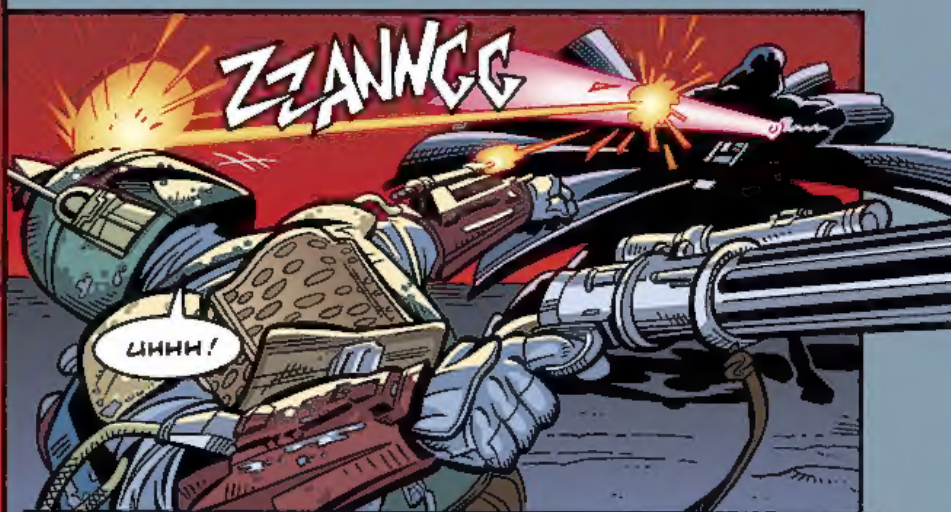


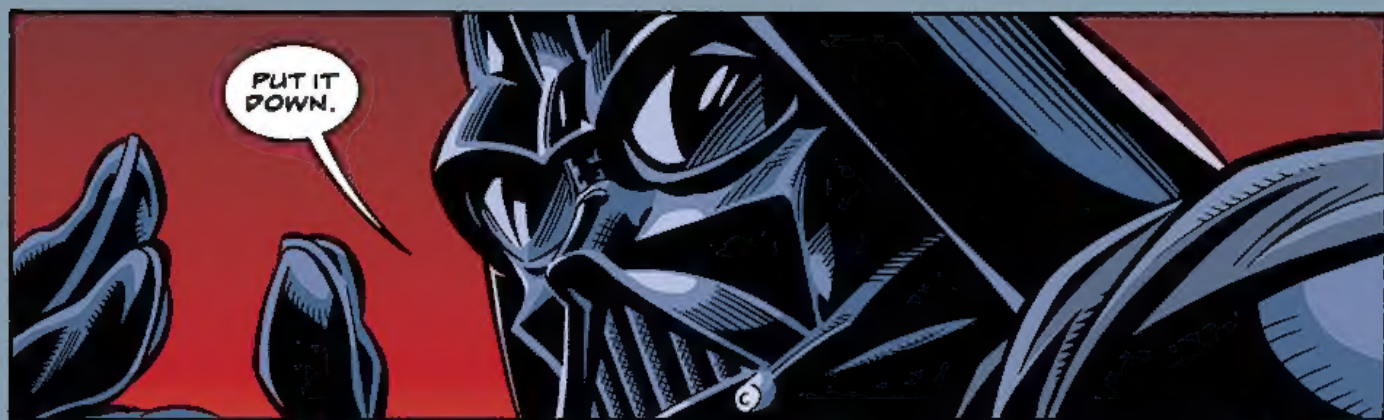
MORE SMOKE
THAN FLAME--
A RUSE!



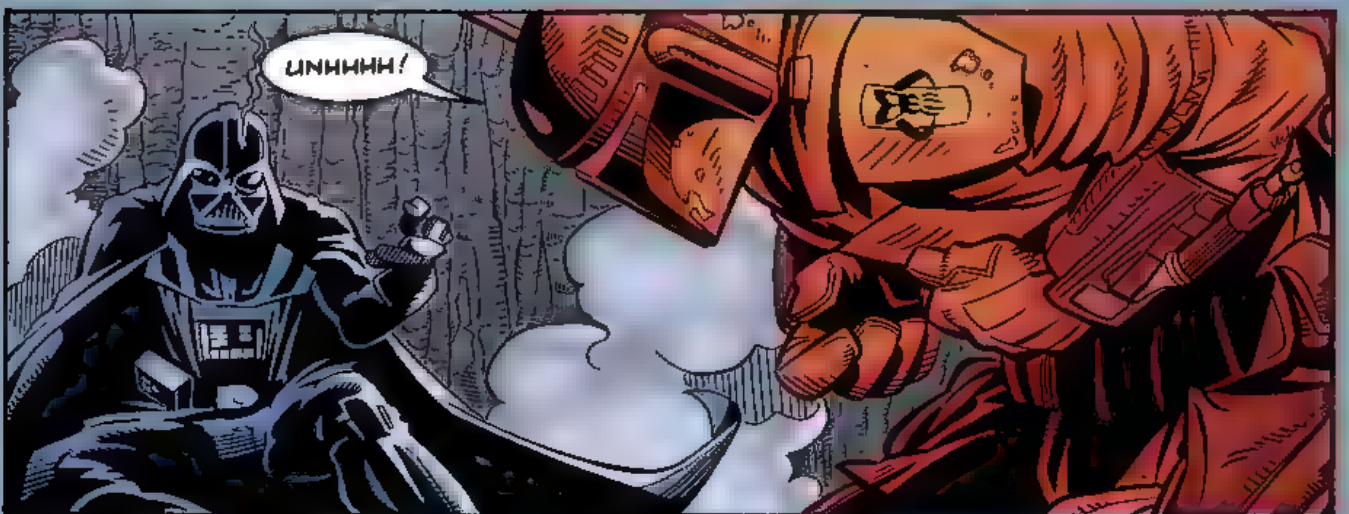
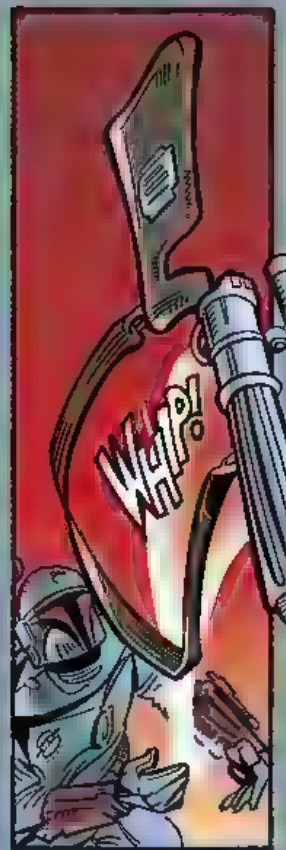
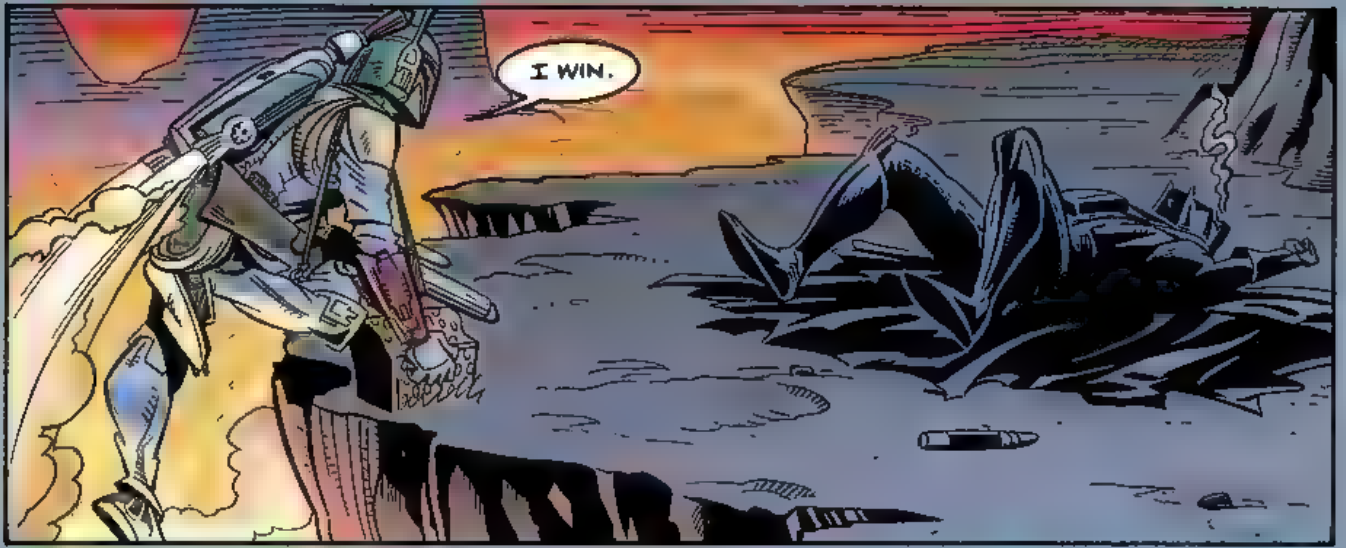




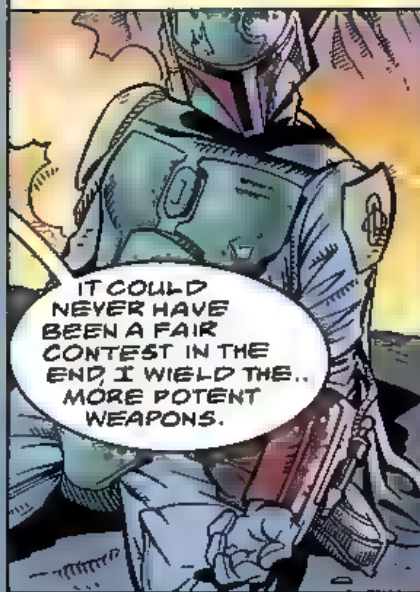






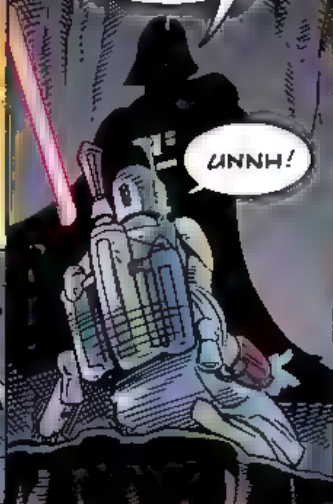


HE TRIES TO BRING HIS ARMS
TO BEAR, BUT AN UNSEEN
POWER RESISTS HIM!



IT COULD
NEVER HAVE
BEEN A FAIR
CONTEST IN THE
END, I WIELD THE...
MORE POTENT
WEAPONS.

STILL, YOU
HAVE EARNED
MY RESPECT. I
WILL MAKE YOUR
END SWIFT-- YOU
DESERVE THAT,
AT LEAST.



UNNH!

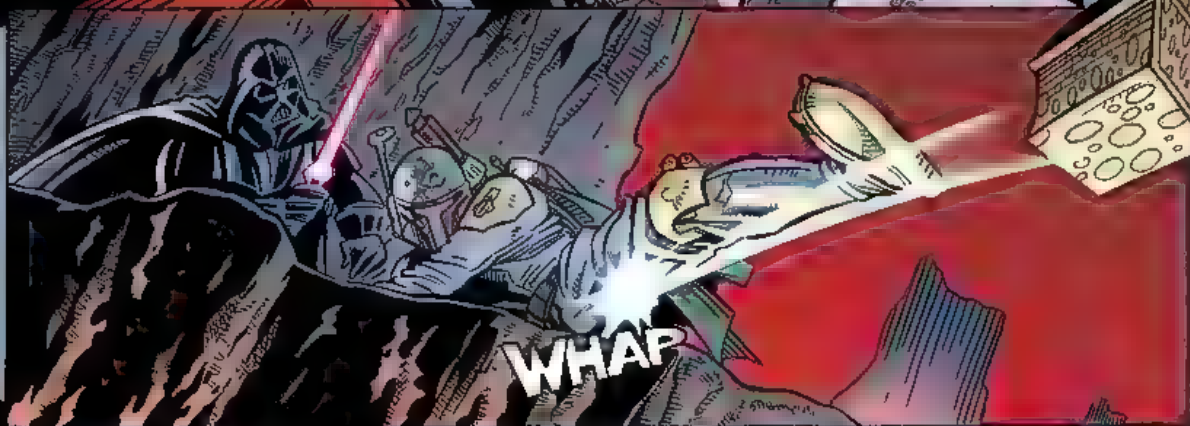
HE HAS FELT THE FORCE
BEFORE, BUT NEVER
LIKE THIS-- ITS GRIP AS
STRONG AS STEEL,
TIGHTENING AROUND
HIM, SQUEEZING THE
LIFE FROM HIM...



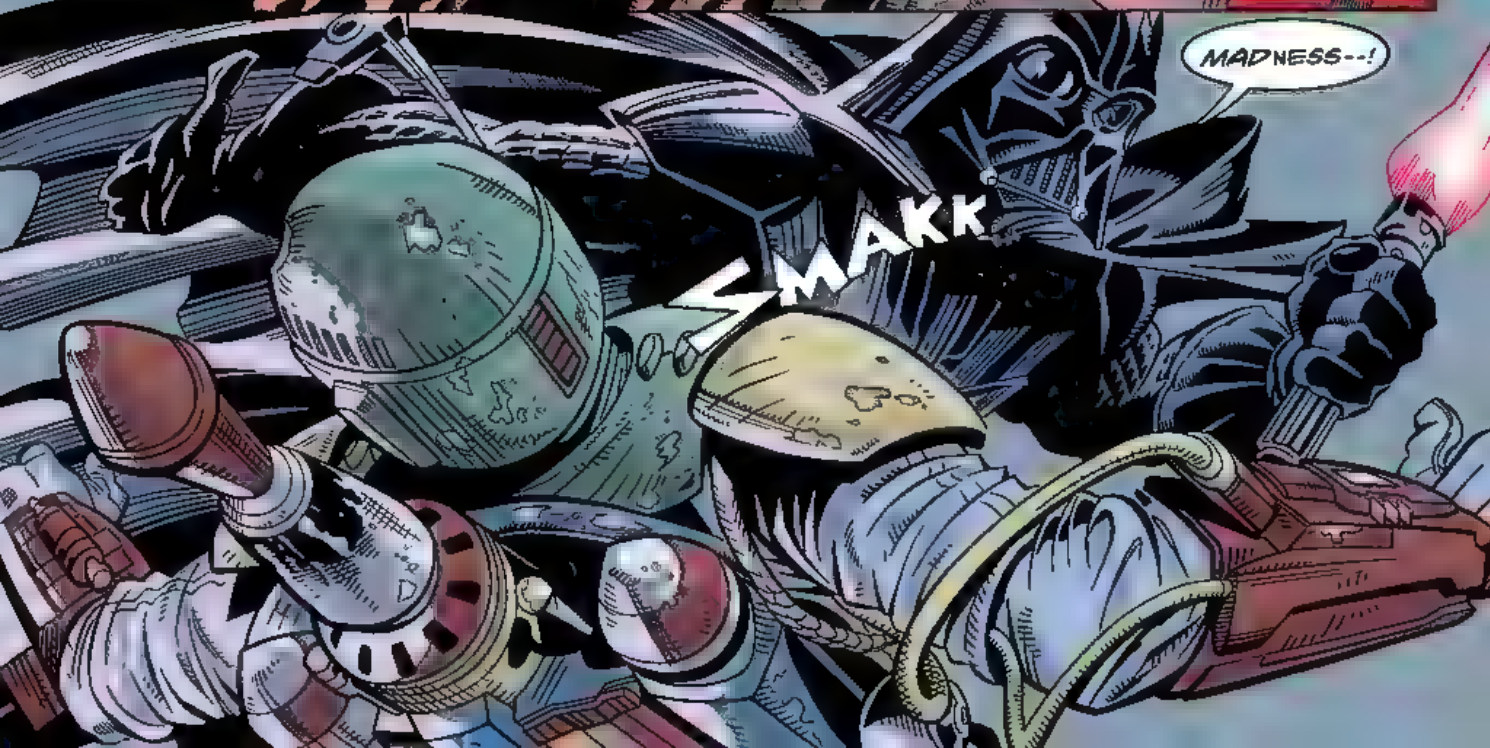
MY... MY LORD,
WE SHOULD NOT BE AT
ODDS. IT IS THE... FORTUNE-
TELLER WHO MAKES
US ENEMIES...



LET US
REMOVE THE
CAUSE OF OUR
DISPUTE!

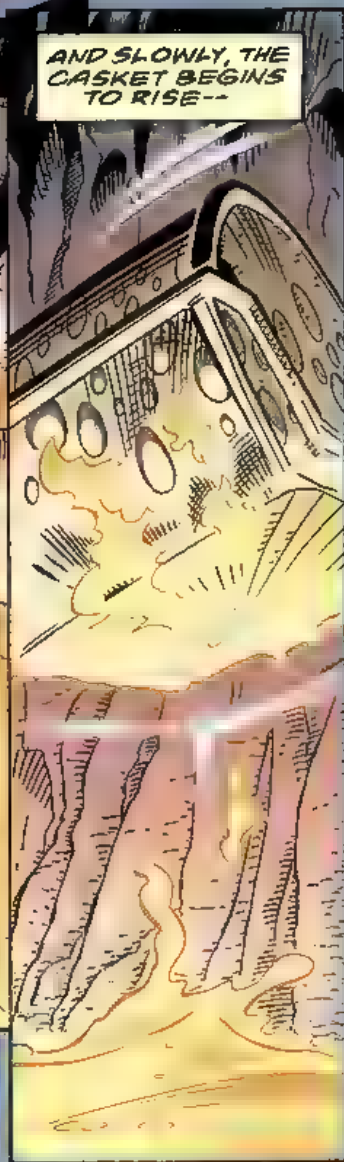
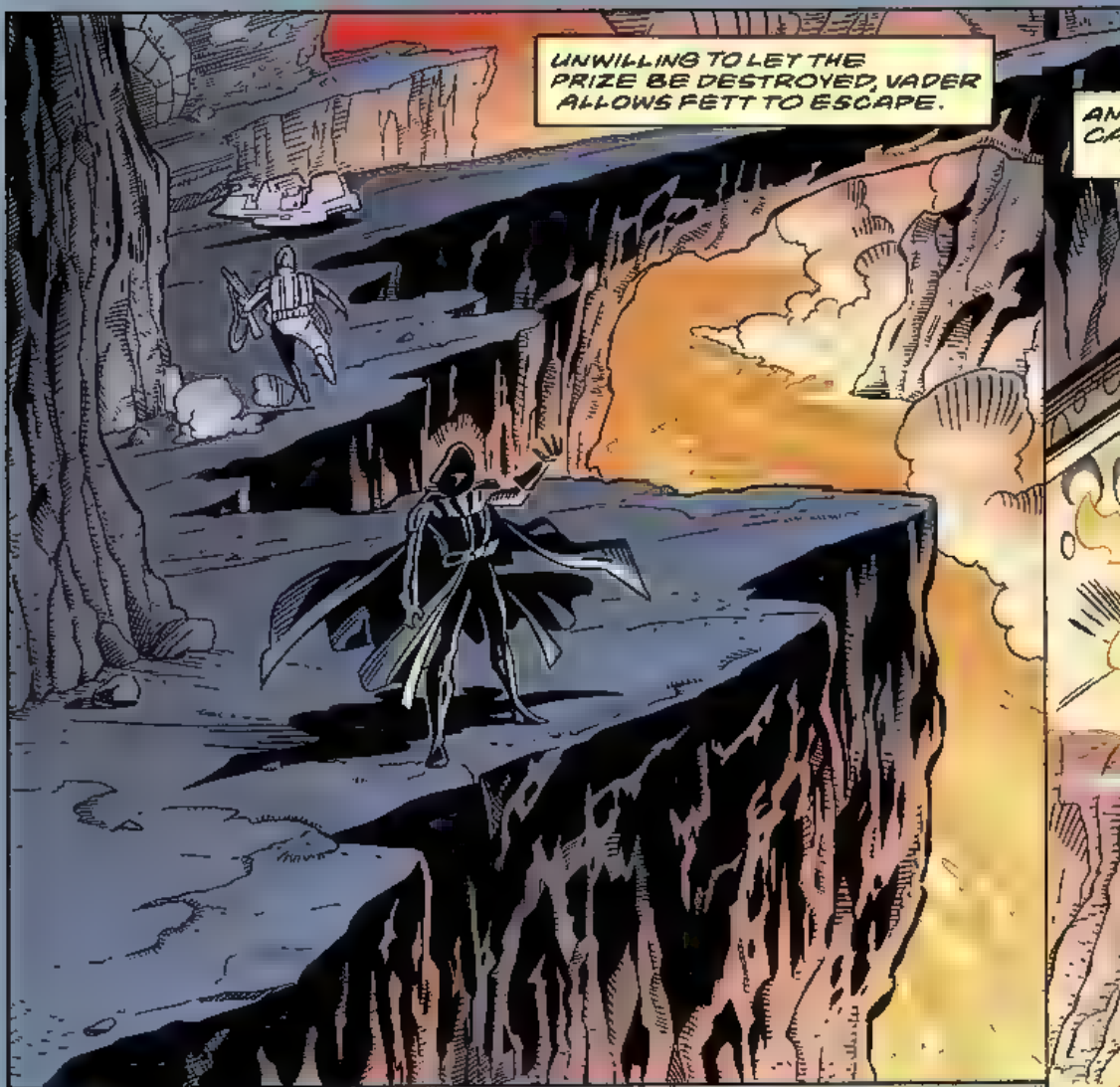
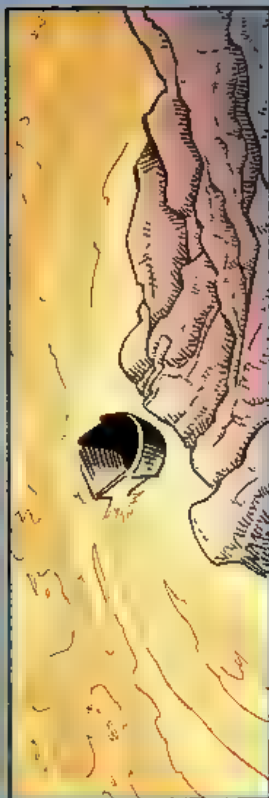
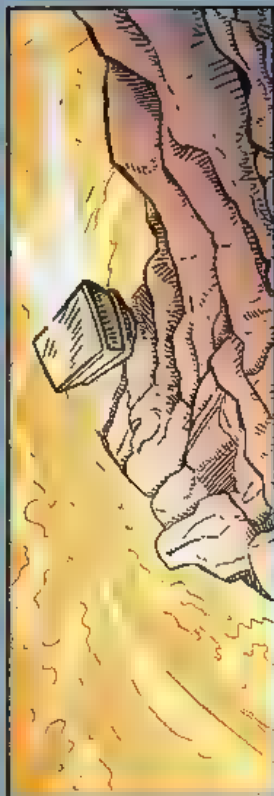
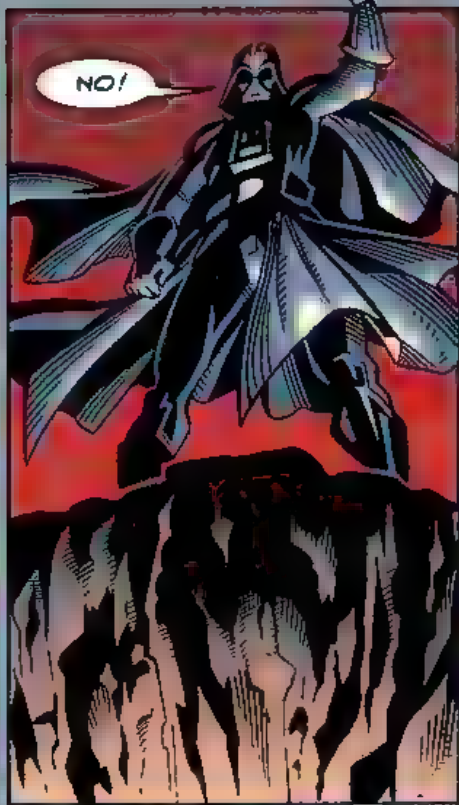
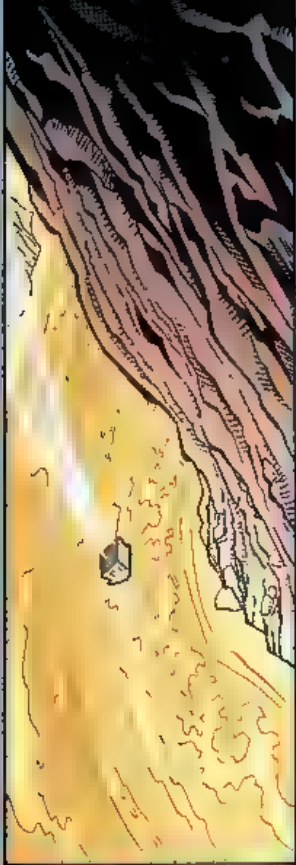


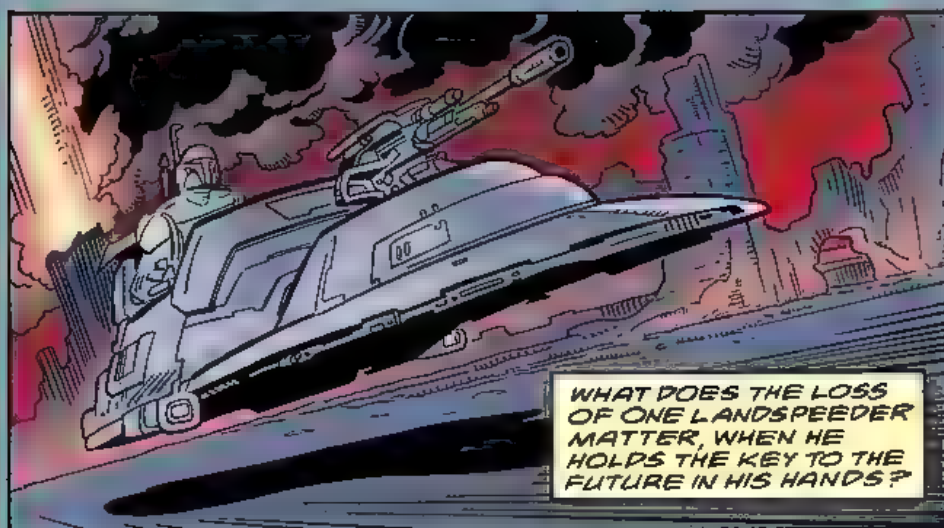
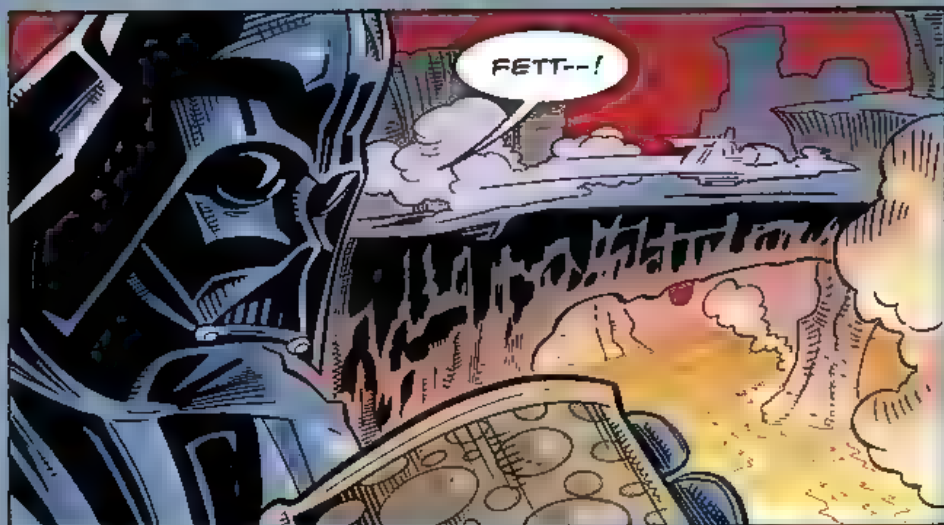
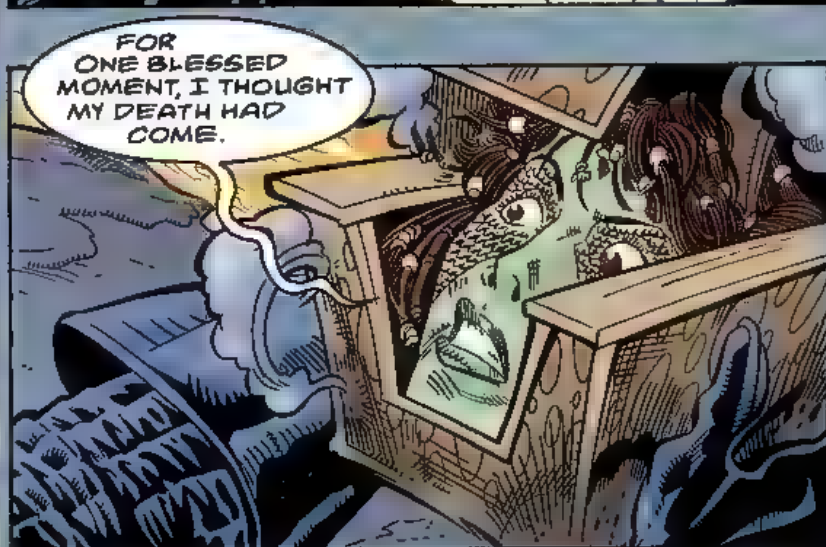
WHAP



MADNESS--!

SMACK







YOUR LANDSPEEDER PASSED US BY SOME TIME AGO, MY LORD, WITH BOBA FETT ABOARD. WE WERE NATURALLY CONCERNED.

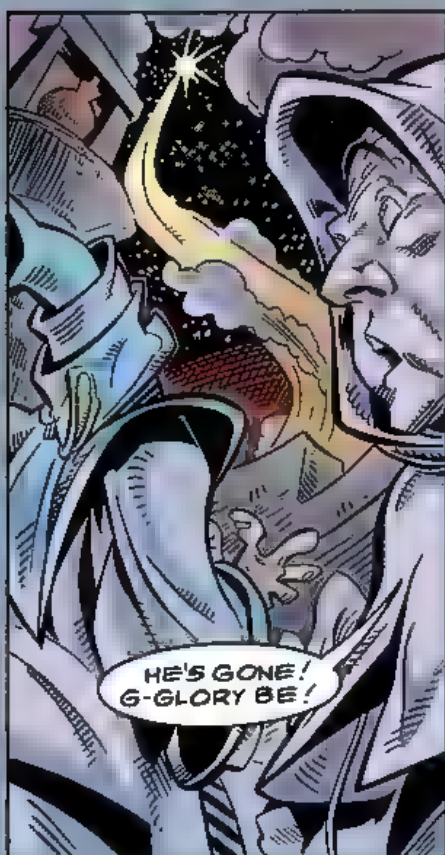
HE AND I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS...



WE TRIED TO STOP HIM--

I SEE

FETT'S SHIP HAS LEFT THE PLANET AND ENTERED HYPER-SPACE, DESTINATION UNKNOWN.



HE'S GONE! G-GLORY BE!



SIX BROTHERS DEAD, HIGH HERMIT, SEVERAL INJURED!

OH, WOE!

WOE? WOE?

THE TWO MOST DANGEROUS KILLERS IN THE GALAXY FIGHT A PITCHED BATTLE IN OUR MIDST, AND WE ONLY LOSE SIX?



DON'T GIVE ME WOE, BROTHER--WE'VE HAD A RESULT!

ASSEMBLE ALL THE PESSIMISTS! I HAVE GLAD TIDINGS TO DELIVER!

BROTHER *PESSIMISTS*, WE HAVE STOOD AT THE VERY BRINK OF DOOM-- AND SURVIVED! NOT JUST DARTH VADER-- NOT JUST BOBA FETT-- BUT BOTH-- TOGETHER!

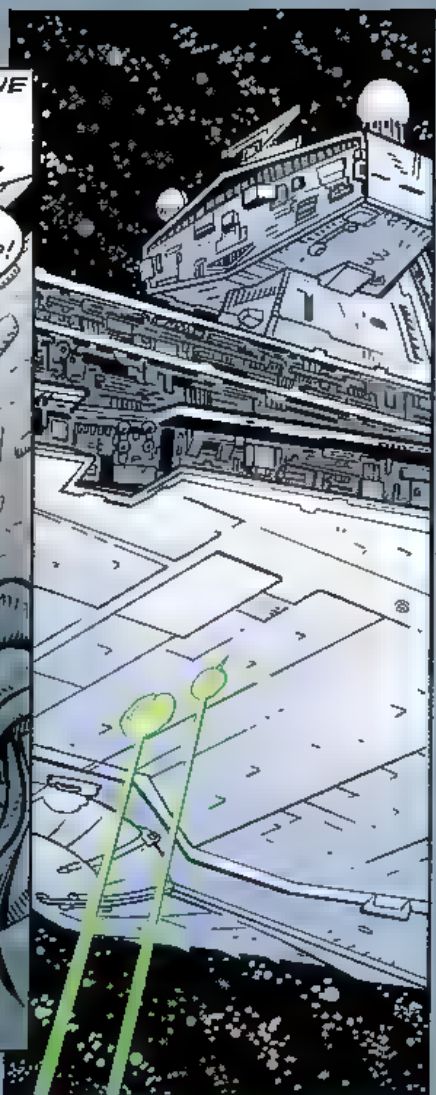
IT IS A SIGN, BROTHERS, AND THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR!

WHY MUST WE ALWAYS BELIEVE THE *WORST* IS GOING TO HAPPEN? WHY MUST WE CEASELESSLY FILL THE AIR WITH OUR CRIES OF WOE?

LET'S BE HONEST, THINGS DON'T ALWAYS TURN OUT THAT BAD! THE *WORST* DOESN'T ALWAYS HAPPEN!

AIEEE! OPTIMISM!

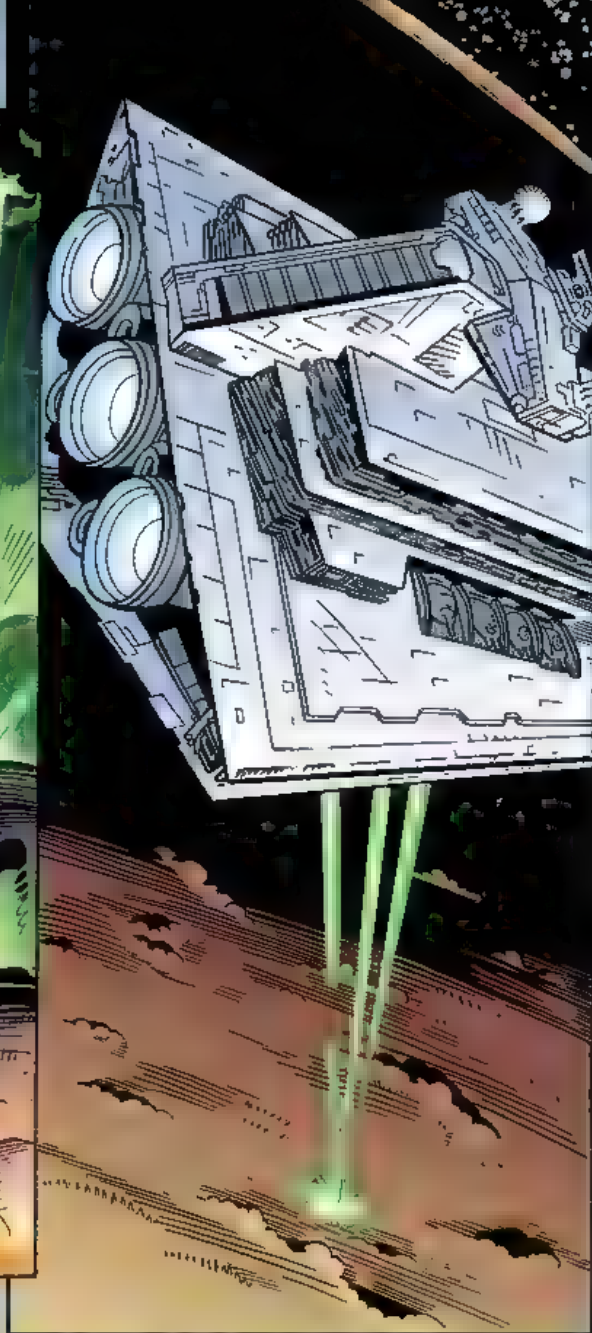
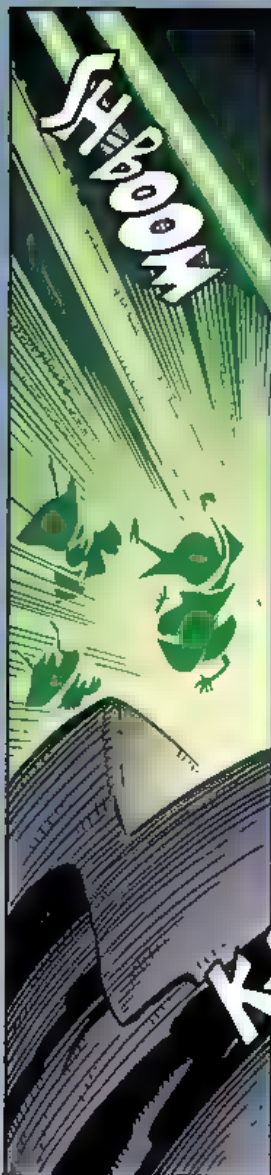
HERESY! YOU'LL BRING DISASTER UPON US!

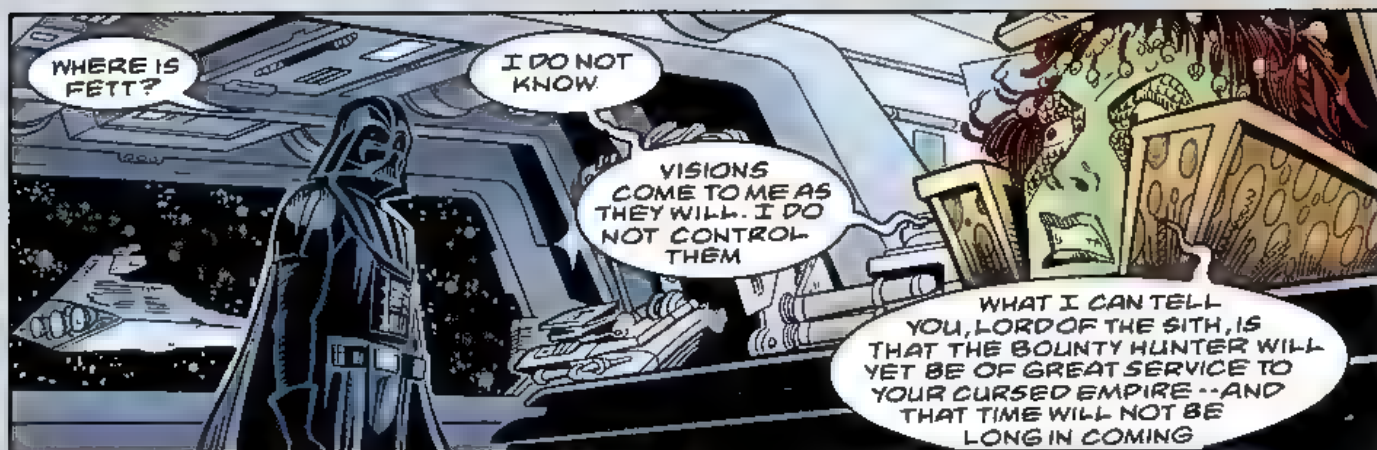


OH, NO, I WON'T FALL FOR THAT ONE AGAIN! FROM THIS DAY FORTH I SHALL LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE! I HAVE SEEN THE *LIGHT*, BROTHERS--!

UH-OH.







WHERE IS FETT?

I DO NOT KNOW.

VISIONS
COME TO ME AS
THEY WILL. I DO
NOT CONTROL
THEM.

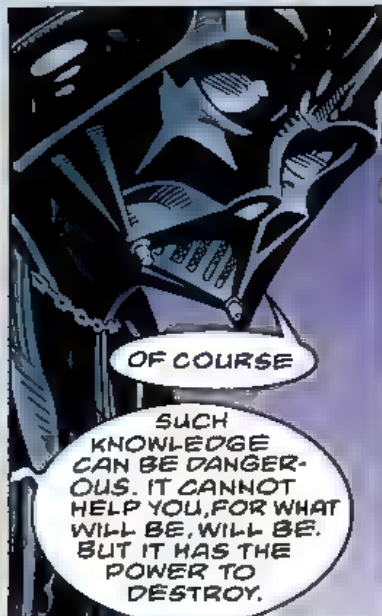
WHAT I CAN TELL
YOU, LORD OF THE SITH, IS
THAT THE BOUNTY HUNTER WILL
YET BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO
YOUR CURSED EMPIRE--AND
THAT TIME WILL NOT BE
LONG IN COMING.



KNOWING
THAT, YOU
WILL NOT SEEK
HIM OUT AND
DESTROY
HIM.

AND WHAT
OF MY FUTURE,
SELESTRINE? WHAT
VISIONS DO YOU
SEE?

DO YOU
TRULY WISH
TO KNOW?



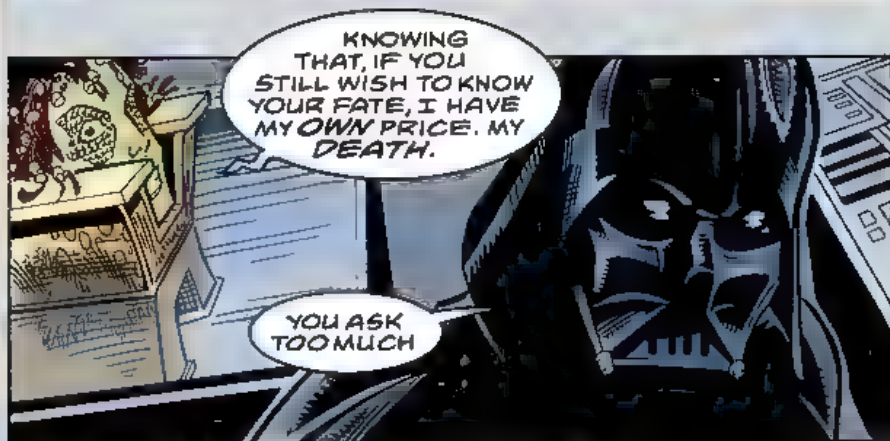
OF COURSE.

SUCH
KNOWLEDGE
CAN BE DANGER-
OUS. IT CANNOT
HELP YOU, FOR WHAT
WILL BE, WILL BE.
BUT IT HAS THE
POWER TO
DESTROY.



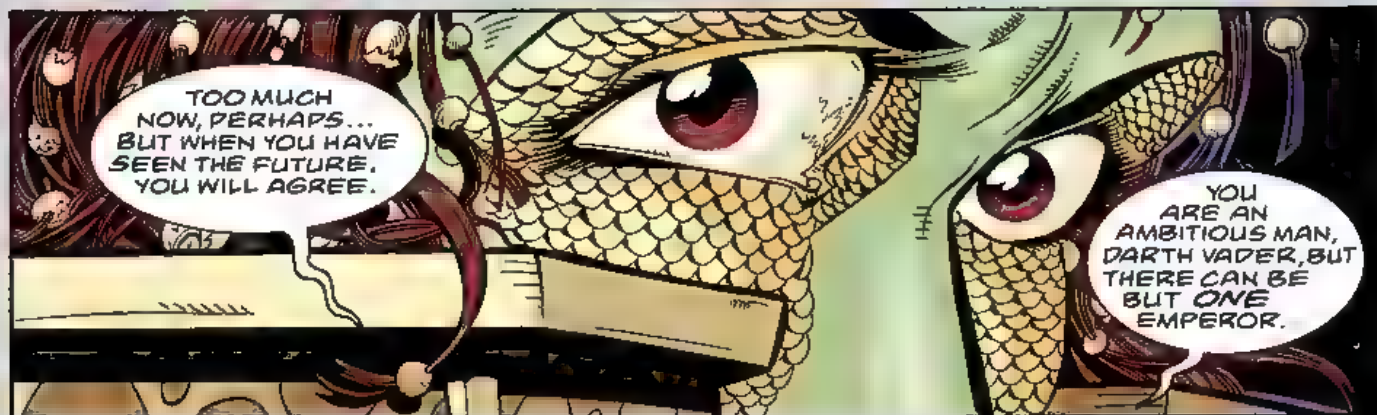
IT BROUGHT ONLY
DESPAIR TO MY PEOPLE--
IT WAS THE DOWNFALL OF
ABAL KARDA.

PERHAPS
THE BOUNTY HUNTER
REALIZED THE DANGERS,
FOR HE WANTED ONLY THE
PRICE I WOULD BRING.



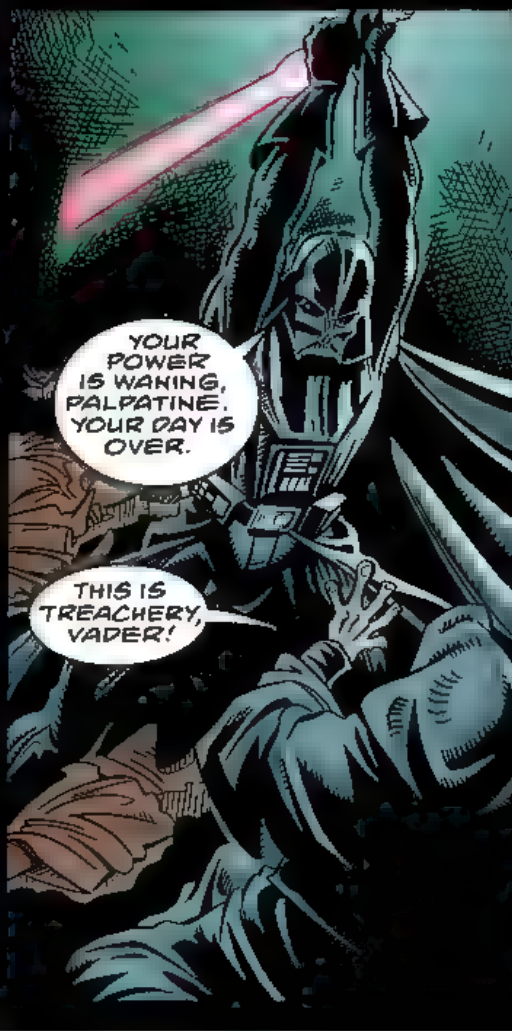
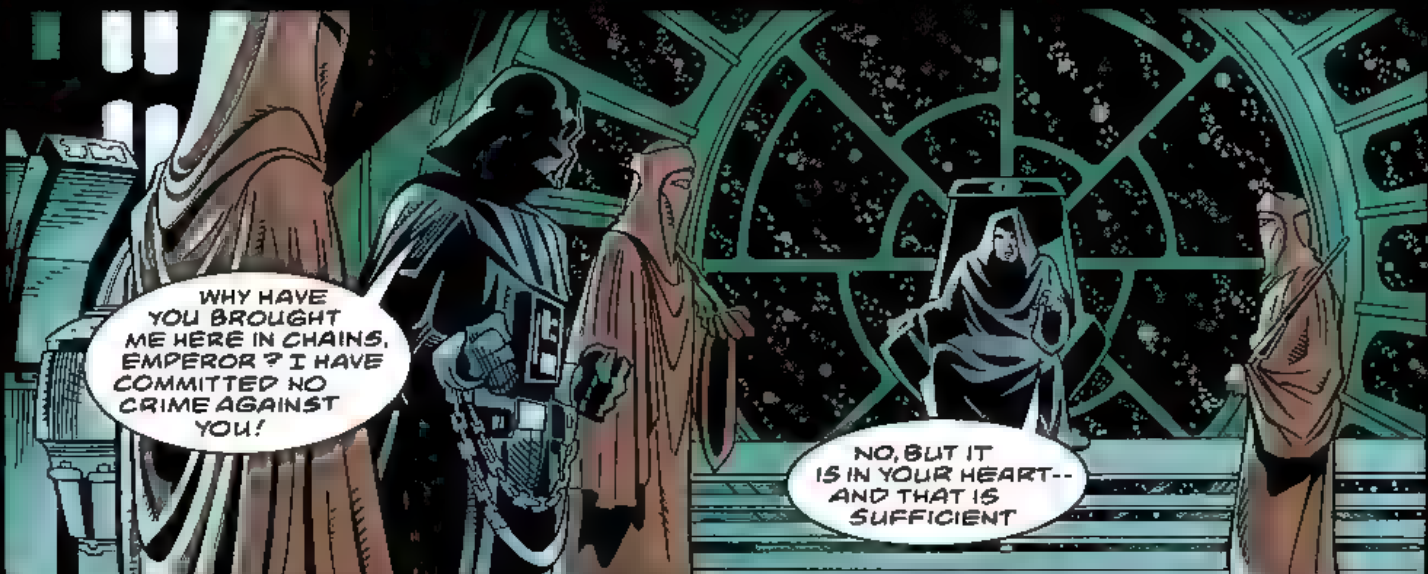
KNOWING
THAT, IF YOU
STILL WISH TO KNOW
YOUR FATE, I HAVE
MY OWN PRICE. MY
DEATH.

YOU ASK
TOO MUCH.



TOO MUCH
NOW, PERHAPS...
BUT WHEN YOU HAVE
SEEN THE FUTURE,
YOU WILL AGREE.

YOU
ARE AN
AMBITIOUS MAN,
DARTH VADER, BUT
THERE CAN BE
BUT ONE
EMPEROR.





THE EMPEROR HAS MET WITH AN ACCIDENT. BEFORE HE DIED, HE NAMED ME TO SUCCEED HIM.

KNEEL! KNEEL BEFORE THE EMPEROR!

A FUTURE MORE TO YOUR LIKING?

IF IT IS TRUE.

AND IF IT IS--WHAT OF ALL THAT SHALL PASS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN? WHAT PURPOSE TO YOUR EXISTENCE WHEN THE FUTURE IS PREORDAINED?

WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE. YOU CANNOT CHANGE IT. YET THE JOY OF LIFE IS IN ACHIEVING, IN OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO YOUR DESIRES.

TO HAVE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF SUCCESS DESTROYS ALL THAT COMES BETWEEN. IT IS A CURSE!

YES... I SEE THE PERILS.

YET I WOULD STILL KNOW, WHICH OF THESE FUTURES IS THE TRUE ONE?

PERHAPS NEITHER.

I HAVE SPARED YOU SO FAR, LORD VADER, IN EXPECTATION OF YOUR GRATITUDE. LET ME TELL YOU NOW OF A FUTURE THAT WILL BE... SHORTLY, THE EMPEROR WILL APPEAR TO YOU. HE WILL DEMAND A TOKEN OF YOUR LOYALTY--ONE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO GIVE. I AM THAT TOKEN.

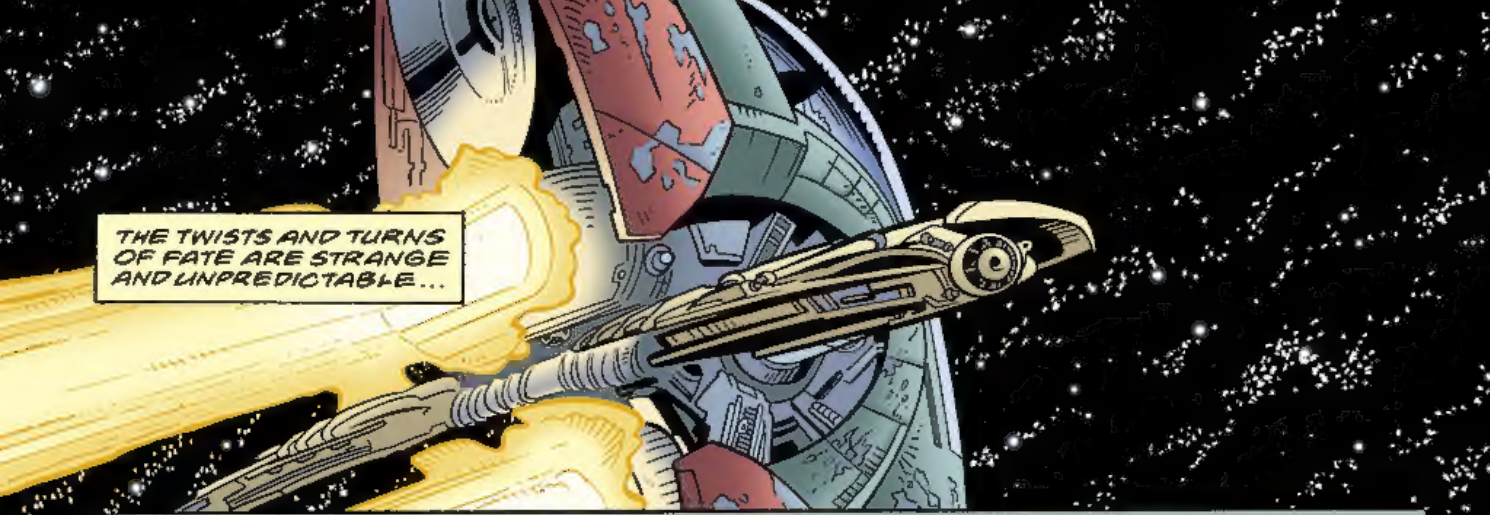
THE EMPEROR, MY LORD!

HE HAS FOUND OUT? HOW--?


HE HAS EYES EVERYWHERE, AS YOU WELL KNOW.

TO OWN ME IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER--YET TO PERMIT MY POWER TO PASS TO ANOTHER IS THE GREATER RISK. BUT HOW CAN YOU REFUSE...?



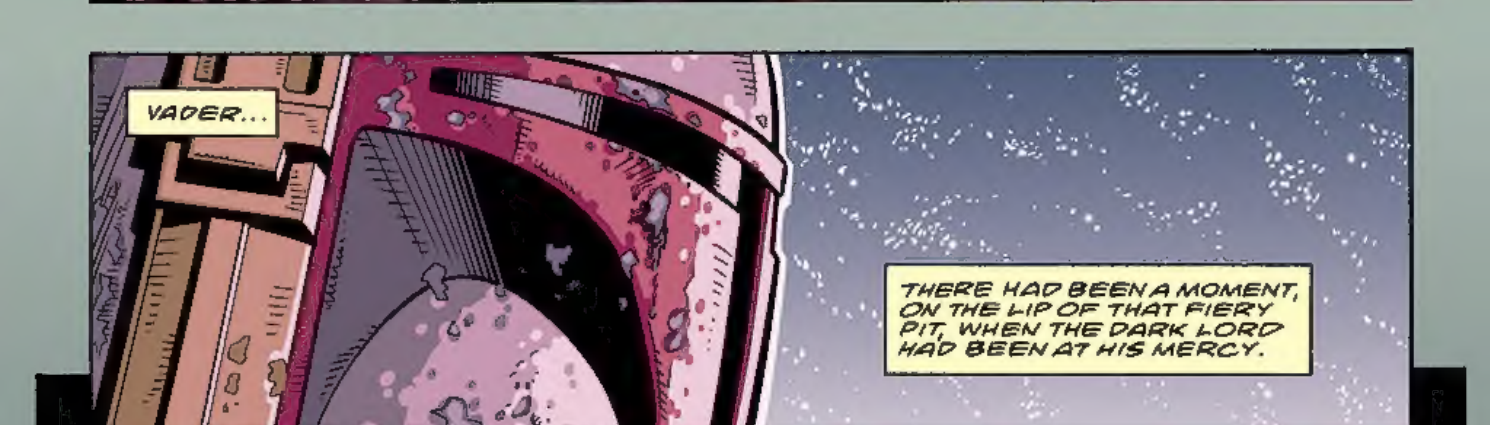


THE TWISTS AND TURNS
OF FATE ARE STRANGE
AND UNPREDICTABLE...




... FOR MOST MORTAL
BEINGS, AT LEAST,
AND BETTER TO
REMAIN THAT WAY.

MUCH GOOD HAD HER
POWER DONE SELESTRINE
OF THE ICARII. AND VADER--
WHAT WOULD THE DARK
LORD GAIN FROM IT?




VADER...

THERE HAD BEEN A MOMENT,
ON THE LIP OF THAT FIERY
PIT, WHEN THE DARK LORD
HAD BEEN AT HIS MERCY.

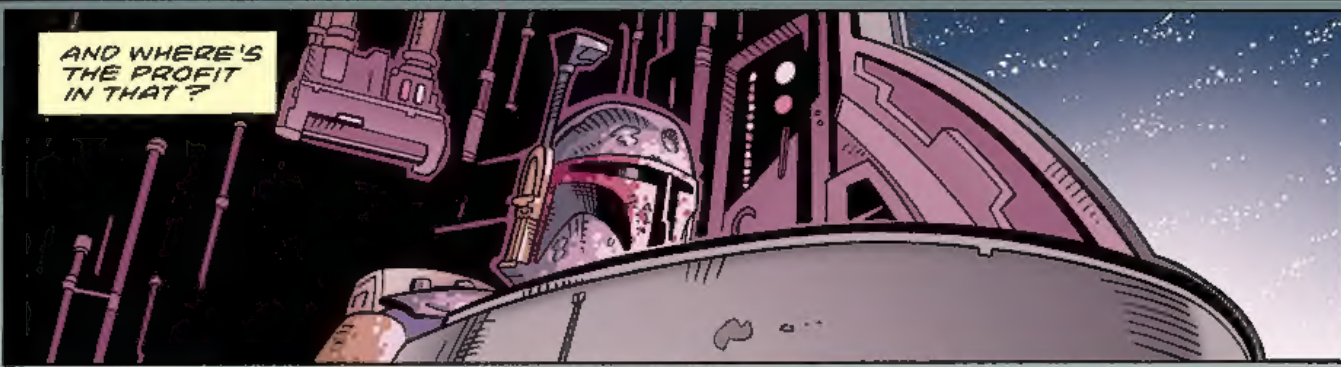


THE SLIGHTEST TWITCH
WOULD HAVE SENT HIM
TO HIS DOOM.




BUT BY THEN THE PRIZE
WAS LOST, SACRIFICED
TO SAVE HIMSELF. KILLING
VADER WOULD NOT HAVE
BROUGHT IT BACK--

--INDEED, MAY HAVE BROUGHT
THE WHOLE MIGHT OF THE
EMPIRE DOWN UPON HIS
OWN HEAD.




AND WHERE'S
THE PROFIT
IN THAT?



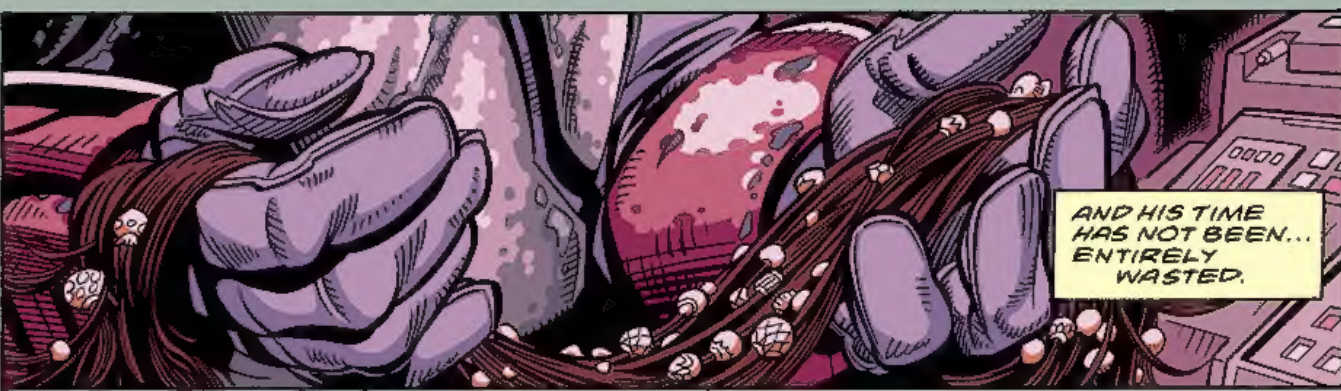
FOR NOW, HE MUST LIE
LOW. THE GALAXY IS BIG
ENOUGH FOR BOTH.

IN TIME LORD VADER'S
TEMPER WOULD NO
DOUBT COOL. HE IS NOT
ONE TO MAINTAIN
FRUITLESS ENMITIES.



SO, HONORS
SHARED...

TRUE, HE HAS LOST
THE GREATER
PRIZE, BUT HE STILL
HAS HIS LIFE.



AND HIS TIME
HAS NOT BEEN...
ENTIRELY
WASTED.

THE END